

## REMARKS

### I. Office Action Summary

Claims 64-81 are pending. Claim 77 is the only independent claim. In the Office Action dated March 11, 2008, the prior objections based on informalities in claims 73, 77 and 81 were withdrawn. The prior §112, first paragraph rejection of claim 79 was also withdrawn. All of the pending claims were rejected as obvious over the combination of Brauner (U.S. 5,803,078) in view of Solazzo (U.S. 4,990,133). The Examiner also objected to claims 76 and 81 as duplicative. Claims 78-80 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected independent claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

### II. Objections to the Claims

Applicant has canceled claim 81 as it is identical to claim 76. Accordingly, the objection to claim 81 is now moot.

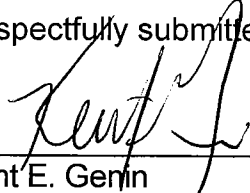
### III. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 64-77 were rejected as allegedly obvious over the combination of Brauner and Solazzo. Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's application of the references to independent claim 77 and its dependent claims, Applicant has amended claim 77 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 78 in order to expedite issuance of a notice of allowance. Claim 79 has been amended to adjust its dependency in light of the cancellation of claim 78. Applicant reserves the right to pursue unamended versions of the claims in a continuation application.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

Applicant submits that, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b) (1) that the above amendments should be entered as they comply with the Examiner's suggestions relating to cancellation and allowability of the claims. With the above remarks and amendments, Applicant submits that claims 64-77 and 79-80 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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